

San Diego Unified School District IPM Policy

(This policy was adopted on October 22, 1991, by the San Diego Unified School District.)

Structural and landscape pests can pose a significant problem to people and the environment. Hazardous pest control chemicals can also pose a significant problem to people and the environment. It is therefore the policy of the San Diego Unified School district to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for the control of structural and landscape pests. IPM means that pest problems will be alleviated with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment by using IPM methods that are safe, effective and economically feasible. Pesticides will be carefully evaluated before use and will only be used after non-hazardous and other safer methods have been considered.

Integrated Pest Management will include the following components:

1. Educate staff, students and the public about school pest problems and the Integrated Pest Management policies.
2. Develop plant inventory and pest problem survey procedures.
3. Identify pests that are considered public health problems and methods to prevent them in the least hazardous way from becoming a health problem.
4. Identify and evaluate cultural/environmental conditions on the grounds that encourage pest problems. Make recommendations for remedial action.
5. Monitor population levels of pests to determine treatment procedures.
6. Review all available options for acceptability and/or feasibility before the use of a chemical pesticide; cost of staffing considerations alone will not be the sole justification for use of chemical control agents. Records of IPM strategies considered prior to chemical treatment will be maintained.
7. Ensure that pesticide applicators whether in-house or contracted are educated and trained in the use of current pesticides approved for use by the SDUSD and that they follow label precautions and application regulations. Contracted companies are to be in compliance with the San Diego Unified School District's Integrated Pest Management policy.
8. Establish and maintain pesticide use reporting and recordkeeping procedures.
9. Establish system to evaluate and measure control success.
10. Make information accessible to the public and employees regarding pesticides used and area treated.
11. Eliminate fire potential (e.g. tall, dry grass, dead trees) in the safest and most timely manner using available resources.

Novato Unified School District Board Policy

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The Novato Unified School District recognizes that maintenance of a safe, clean and healthful environment for students and staff is essential to learning. It is the goal of the District to provide the safest and lowest risk approach to control pest problems while protecting students, staff, the environment and District properties and assets.

The District adopts a Least-Toxic Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy. Pest will be controlled: to protect the health and safety of the students and staff; to maintain a productive learning environment; and, to maintain the integrity of the school buildings and grounds. It is the policy of the District to focus and develop long-term pest prevention methods and give “non-chemical” methods first consideration when selecting appropriate control measures. The full range of alternatives will be considered, giving preference to non-chemical methods, and then chemicals that pose the least hazard to people and the environment.

A Least-Toxic Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy contains the following elements:

1. Monitoring to determine pest population levels and identify decisions and practices that could effect pest populations.
2. Setting of injury and action levels to determine when vegetation or a pest population at a specific site cause(s) unacceptable economic or medical damage wherein corrective action should be taken.
3. Modification of pest habitats to deter pest populations and minimize pest infestation.
4. Consideration of a range of potential treatments for the pest problem, including prevention, mechanical, cultural, and biological methods of pest control, using synthetic chemical controls only as a last resort and only those chemicals that pose the least possible hazard to people and the environment.
5. Establish a committee to provide guidance, education and support regarding IPM procedures. Members of the committee will be appointed by the Superintendent and may include the following: Superintendent or designee, Board Member, IPM Coordinator, parent, certificated staff member, classified staff member and one community member at large.
6. Abstain from using any pesticide product containing an ingredient known to the State of California to cause cancer, developmental toxicity, or reproductive toxicity, pursuant to the California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act of 1986, or any pesticide product containing an ingredient classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as a known human carcinogen, reproductive toxin, developmental toxin or endocrine disrupter.

The Superintendent shall designate a staff person to coordinate the IPM program. The IPM coordinator shall be educated in the principles and practice of least toxic IPM and be responsible to provide:

- Oversight for the successful implementation of the program consistent with this policy and coordinate all District efforts to adopt IPM.
- Overall program management and provide proposed procedures and products for use in managing pest populations.
- Formal notification to parents, staff and students of any chemical pesticide application including pre-and-post signage.

- Establish and maintain a registry of parents, staff and students that have indicated they desire notification 72 hours prior to pesticide applications.
- Record-keeping guidelines for any chemical pesticide application.
- Education and training for IPM personnel.
- A list of approved procedures and products.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

17608 - 17613 Healthy Schools Act of 2000

48980.3 Healthy Schools Act of 2000

FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL CODE

13180 Healthy Schools Act of 2000